

BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School Newsletter

1st December 2023

## MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

We've had an interesting week at school this week, with unexpectedly wintry weather in our normally-sheltered part of Cornwall.

Let's hope we won't need to use our emergency closure procedures again this year as we have so many things planned before the end of term.

On Monday, we have our Key Stage 2 Christmas Production to look forward to. So much effort has gone into making the production magnificent by the children and our lovely FoBS team and helpers have planned a wonderful Christmas Fair to attend between the 2 shows - so we'd really like that to go ahead without a glitch.

Christmas is drawing closer! May I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

Paula Blackburn



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **KS2 Christmas Production & FOBS Christmas Fayre**

Monday 4th December – 2:30pm afternoon  
and 6pm evening performances. Gweek  
Village Hall.

**Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**  
Wednesday 6th December 3pm

### **School Christmas Lunch!**

Tuesday 12th December – see menu below

### **KS1 Christmas Production**

Friday 15th December Poldhu Class 2pm

### **Last Day of School before Christmas!**

Tuesday 19th December. Break up 1:30pm

**Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**  
Tuesday 23rd January 9am

**Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**  
Thursday 29th February 3pm

**Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**  
Tuesday 23rd April 9am

### **Sports Day**

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

**Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**  
Thursday 20th June 3pm

### **Leavers' Service**

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

**Last Day of Term – half day!**  
Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

## **IMMINENT DATES**

### **Monday 4th December**

All children (both KS1 and KS2)  
to be collected from Gweek  
Village Hall following the KS2  
Christmas Production.

Please allow time to enjoy the  
FoBS Christmas Fayre which  
takes place at the end of the  
afternoon Production.

**There will be no after school  
clubs on Monday but there  
will be after school care.  
Please book in with Linda.**

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **Mondays**

KS2 Lego Engineers with Mr  
Hemsley  
KS1 Young Engineers with Mr  
Watson.

### **Wednesday lunchtimes**

KS2 Choir

### **Tuesdays**

Eco Club for all children with  
Mrs Rusga and Miss  
Schellekens.

### **Thursdays**

Multiskills Sports Club for all  
children with Mrs Care.

## CLASS UPDATE

### Rosemullion Class Update

Last Friday we were lucky enough to go and visit Pendennis Castle; we had a look around the castle and explored some artifacts from the Tudor times!

The children loved climbing up to the top and firing at the castle.

We would like to say a special thank you to our parent helpers (Lindsey and Sophie) who were great and made the trip possible.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rosemullion class.





## ECO CLUB UPDATE

Our topic this week was sustainable Christmas. We made Christmas decorations from natural and recycled materials.

We are doing the same next week. If you would like to join us, please let Linda know as we have limited places. We have some materials left but if you have any more to donate we would be grateful. Thank you.

Denise, Chantelle and Nikki



## REMINDERS

Please remember to close all gates as you enter and leave the school grounds to help keep our children safe.

If you arrive after 8.45 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1) please take your child to the office to sign them in.

If your child is going to be off, please phone the school office, 01326 572618, before 8:45am.

Take care with children when crossing the road as some traffic is travelling very fast.

**Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.**



## FOBS NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS AUCTION** Our Auction closes on Monday! Please have a look over the weekend and bid on some of our generously donated lots, so many lovely businesses kindly helping our school.

Bid increments are just £1 on everything so swoop in and outbid if you've got your eye on something.

Some fabulous Christmas presents in there 😊

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/boskenwyn>

Naked Generation bag \* National Trust family pass \* Original oil painting by Hazel Ashe \* Sterling silver earrings by Lucy Spink \* Tetley Shaw Pilates classes \* 1:1 Swimcoaching or personal training with Kernow Evolve \* Firewood bundles \* Handmade soap from The Sage Hen \* Pottery class \* 2 night stay in Fistral apartment \* Logo design service from Harriet Fawcett Design \* Granite Planet climbing session \* Walnut Wine Rack \* Family Roast at the Black Swan \* Sheepskin and olive pot from The Treasury \* Handknitted baby blankets and hat \* Socks \* Hand painted Christmas elves \* Rugby Ball \* Feast from Saffron Huns \* Denby collection wine glasses \* Treatment session with Cornwall Acupuncture

Amazing hampers from: Gweek Stores \* Kinder \* Asda

AND vouchers from: Slice of Cornwall \* Wendron Pancake Barn \* Ruth's Pet Behaviour Services \* The Natural Store \* Incredible Bulk \* Boo Koos

Bidding is easy:

- Enter your bid
- Enter your email address + click 'register with email address'
- Add your name if you like or leave yourself mysterious
- Submit the bid!

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE.** We're holding this in between the two KS2 Christmas productions.

There'll be sweet and savoury festive refreshments, craft activities, crafts for sale made by the children, hair braiding, games, auction lots, and of course the tombola!

## FOBS NEWS CONTINUED

### OTHER HELP NEEDED

We're looking for paving slabs and sand to put under a couple of new coat sheds around the school to avoid them sitting in puddles. I'll get exact measurements but we're looking to cover 2 areas just under 2.5m x 1.5m each. If you have access to sand or slabs, please get in touch with Nicky (07846910031). Thanks in advance.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us on Facebook as 'Boskenwyn FOBS'; it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related. If you'd like to be more involved, drop any of us a message or catch us in the playground to find out more.

Till next time, Nicky (07846 910 031), Sophie, Tiffany, and Ben (FOBS leads)

## CHURCH COVE CLASS

Church Cove class would like to invite their parents to our Stone Age settlement exhibition on Friday 8th December at 3pm

## POPPY APPEAL



# BOSKENWYN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ONLINE AUCTION

Auction closes 4th December at 9.30pm

We have lots of fantastic products, experiences and services to bid on.

Great for Christmas presents or a festive treat for yourself.



Scan to see our  
Online Auction



Great offers from companies such as:

Firewood supplies LTD, The Incredible Bulk, The National Trust, Naked Generation, Slice of Cornwall, Tetley Shaw Pilates, Kernow Evolve swim coaching, Artist Hazel Ashe and more.

Proceeds will go towards our new school library and playground equipment.

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# Christmas

## MENU

**TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

### MAIN

Farm Roast Turkey  
or  
Vegan Roast  
both with gravy

### SIDES

Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Pigs in Blankets  
Roast Potatoes  
Honey Roast Parsnips  
Fresh Button Sprouts  
Carrots & Peas

### DESSERT

Festive Shortbread Biscuit or  
Christmas Sponge & Custard  
Vegan & Gluten Free options available







# Christmas Adventure Club

December 20th, 21st & 22nd 2023  
Cornish Camels, Rosuik Farm, St Martin,  
Helston. TR12 6DZ



**10:00 - 14:30**

Stream play. Tree climbing. Hammocks.  
Festive crafts. Hot lunch.  
(Activities subject to weather and group  
needs and interest)

**£25. Funded places for  
children eligible for  
Income Related Free  
School Meals**

Email: [hello@beyondthewave.org.uk](mailto:hello@beyondthewave.org.uk)  
Facebook: Beyond The Wave CIC



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SPORTS AND  
ACTIVITIES

**Coast**  
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME**

**Ofsted**

**Registered**

See website for  
details



**TIME  
MOVE**  
Holiday Programme



**This Christmas  
Holiday**

**Hayle Academy –  
3rd January**

**St Ives Leisure Centre –  
20th – 21st December**

**Helston Community College –**

**20th – 22nd December  
£18 for Non Free School**

**Meal places**

**Free Half Day Places for FSM  
Children**

**ACTIVITIES**

Swimming  
Dodgeball  
Tennis  
Football  
Cricket  
Rugby  
and so much more

**AGES 5–16**

**FREE**

**SCAN TO BOOK**

07939863010



[www.coastactivityprogramme.com](http://www.coastactivityprogramme.com)

[info@coastactivityprogramme.com](mailto:info@coastactivityprogramme.com)







CINDERELLA

RED RIDING  
HOOD

# SHOWCASE

ACTING—SINGING—DANCING  
AND LOTS OF JOKES

SNOW  
WHITE

THE  
WITCHES

# ROALD DAHL'S

## PURE IMAGINATION



THE TWITS

CHARLIE & THE  
CHOCOLATE  
FACTORY

MATILDA

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2PM AND 7.30PM

EPWORTH HALL HELSTON

ADULTS £8 AND UNDER 16'S £4

CALL 01726 63513 OR ONLINE [CRBO.CO.UK/ACT1](http://CRBO.CO.UK/ACT1)





# THE GOOSEBARN CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER  
SEWORGAN, CONSTANTINE

11AM - 5PM

FREE ENTRY

STALLS FROM LOCAL ARTISTS &  
MAKERS INCLUDING JEWELLERS,  
PRINT, WOOL & SILVER SMITHS

FESTIVE FOOD, MUSIC AND DRINKS

KIDS CHRISTMAS DECORATION  
MAKING & CRAFTING

HAMPER RAFFLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheGooseBarn>



you're invited to join the

# NATURE PLAYGROUP

At Chyan Cultural Centre TR10 9BT  
10am - 12pm every Tuesday during school term

sessions can be bought  
online or in person at  
the playgroup. Prices  
vary from £7-£8.50 per  
session.  
(concessions and pricing  
details online)



things to know  
suitable for 0-5 year olds  
Enjoy a range of fun, seasonal  
activities for all  
Nurture nature connection  
small healthy snack provided  
Dress for the outdoors  
Some sessions may be cancelled  
- see online for updates



## Why nature playgroup?

We have been delivering  
sessions for parents and  
guardians of young children for  
8 years. We are all about  
being with, learning about and  
connecting to nature and each  
other



Nature Playgroup

[natureconnects.org/nature-playgroup](https://natureconnects.org/nature-playgroup)





## School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email <a href="mailto:secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.co.uk</a>

## **SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually.

The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.



# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall)

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: **0300 1234 101**



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